

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A method of treating a disease caused by a virus chosen from the group of: Influenza Virus, HIV, HSV, HPV, HAV, HBV, and [or] HCV in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal [the administration of] a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising [a] human IL-18 polypeptide [having at least 90% identity of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1 over the entire length of] (SEQ ID NO:1).

2. (Currently amended): A method of treating a disease caused by a virus chosen from the group of: Influenza Virus, HIV, HSV, HPV, HAV, HBV, and [or] HCV in a mammal comprising administering to the mammal [the administration of] a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising [a] murine IL-18 polypeptide [having at least 90% identity of the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 over the entire length of] (SEQ ID NO:2).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Cancelled).

5. (Withdrawn): A method of treating a disease caused by a virus comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 or 2 and an antiviral agent.

6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended): A method of treating a disease caused by a virus comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a composition to a mammal, said composition comprising [the] an IL-18 polypeptide [of claim 1 or 2] chosen from the group of: SEQ ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2 and an agent [selected] chosen from the group [consisting] of: ribavirin, interferon α , interferon [or] β , IL-2, IL-12, GM, CSF, TNF, lamivudine, rebetron (ribavirin & interferon α), cidofovir, acyclovir [acyclovir], valacyclovir [valacylovir], penciclovir, famciclovir, ganciclovir, [or] and valganciclovir [valganeciclovir].

8. (Withdrawn): A method of treating a disease caused by a virus comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 or 2 and an immunogen derived from a viral protein or nucleotide sequence.

9. (Withdrawn): A method of treating a disease caused by a virus comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 or 2 and a viral vaccine.

10. (Withdrawn): A method of treating a disease caused by a virus comprising the administration of a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising the polypeptide of claim 1 or 2 and a vaccine selected from Havrix, Engerix B and Recombivax.